

COUNTRY Eastern Europe
TOPIC Soviet Troop Trains

EVALUATION

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DATE OF CONTENT 17 to 24 September 1952

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REFERENCES

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1. The following troop trains were observed at the Granienburg (W 53/Z 77) freight yard between 17 and 24 September 1952:

On 17 September. A train from Bernau to Mustrumark consisting of 24 boxcars, some with soldiers, and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 4 x 76.2-mm AT guns and 4 trucks (1)

On 19 September. A train from Justerbog to Neustrelitz consisting of an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 4 T-34 rocket launchers and 1 T-34 tank; and a train from Justerbog to Neubrandenburg consisting of 4 boxcars with troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 5 boxcars with equipment, and an undetermined number of flatcars with 38 trucks. (2)

On 22 September. A train from Neustrelitz toward Kremmen consisting of 4 boxcars with soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 2 JS-3 tanks

and 1 tank truck; a train from Neustrelitz to Mustrumark consisting of 5 boxcars with soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 6 JS-3 tanks, including 4 SU-249 guns, 4 trucks, including 1 tank truck

2 repair shop trucks, 1 field kitchen, 1 jeep and 1 motorcycle; and a train from Neustrelitz toward Kremmen consisting of 12 boxcars with soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying T-34 tanks

11 trucks, 1 repair shop truck, 1 field kitchen, 1 jeep and 2 motorcycles. (3)

On 23 September. A train from the direction of Loewenberg to Mustrumark, consisting of 10 boxcars and an undetermined number of flatcars with 31 trucks; a train from the direction of Loewenberg to Mustrumark, consisting of 5 boxcars and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 6 JS tanks, 6 T-34 tanks, and 10 trucks; a train from the direction of Loewenberg toward Kremmen, consisting of 3 boxcars and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 1 T-34 tank and 5 trucks; and a train from Templin toward Kremmen, consisting of 5 boxcars with soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 6 x 76.2-mm AT guns, and 16 trucks,

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On 24 September, A train from Wustermark to Neustrelitz, consisting of 1 boxcar with soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 6 JS tanks; and a train from Wustermark to Neustrelitz, consisting of 10 boxcars with soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 15 boxcars with undetermined cargo, and an undetermined number of flatcars with 4 trucks, [redacted] and 1 armored sedan. (4)

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[redacted] Comments.

- (1) The troop train from Bernau to Wustermark probably carried a rear detail of the 11th Gds AT Arty Brig [redacted] moved from Neubritz to Bernau on 17 September 1952, i.e., in opposite direction [redacted]

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- (2) The troop trains from Juterbog to Neustrelitz and Neubrandenburg possibly carried rear elements of the Second Gds Lecz Army who practiced firing at the Juterbog troop training grounds.

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- (3) [redacted] the seven troop trains on 22 and 23 September 1952 were loaded with units of the Fourth Gds Lecz Army which probably moved from Templin to the area south of Rathenow where units of this army have conducted field exercises since 23 September 1952. [redacted]

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- (4) The troop trains from Wustermark to Neustrelitz cannot be identified. The [redacted] series belongs to the Third Gds Lecz Army.

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